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We believe that we are the original, first and sole inventors (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, GLUCOSE REGULATED mRNA INSTABILITY ELEMENT, the specification of which is

[] is attached hereto [X] was filed on November 8, 1999, as Application Serial No. 09/435,471 and was amended on (if applicable)

We hereby state that We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s):			Priority Claimed	
<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year filed</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>

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Prior U. S. Application(s):		<u>Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned</u>
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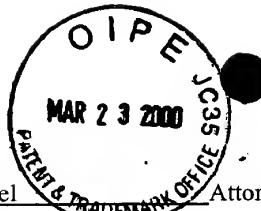
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For: INTRODUCTION OF A GLUCOSE-REGULATED INSTABILITY ELEMENT VIA ALTERNATIVE EXON INCLUSION OF PKC β II mRNA IN VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE CELLS

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(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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